

Preparations Underway for Opening Day

Join us on Sunday, March 1 at 11 a.m., as the Garden celebrates its 2015 season opening event, First Viewing. It begins with the dramatic flair of a Shinto blessing, meant to usher in auspicious *ki*—life energy—for a successful new year. We will also “pray all visitors are deeply nourished, enriched and invigorated by visiting the Seattle Japanese Garden,” says Reverend Koichi Barrish of Tsubaki Grand Shrine, who’ll be conducting this annual rite.



Trained guides will be available to give complimentary tours, deepening the experience of the garden by sharing insights on the garden’s history, design, and spiritual principles. The 45-minute tours begin at the ticket booth starting at noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.

Annual Passes: Same Price, More Benefits!

Good news. This season, admission to two of our popular events—First Viewing and Children’s Day—are *included* in the cost of your annual pass. That’s an additional benefit worth \$20 per adult, for the same price as 2014.

Annual Passes will be available for purchase at the ticket booth starting March 1. Single, \$20; Dual/Family; \$30; Student; \$15; Photographer; \$75. Buy early, and make this the year you take in the serenity of the garden in all of the seasons.

Thank you to the Japanese Garden Advisory Council for making this new benefit available to the public.



Stillness in the pond, before it undergoes major pre-season maintenance next week.

Photo credit Claudia Cooper.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Enjoy these events in the community while the garden undergoes its seasonal maintenance closure.

Northwest Flower and Garden Show

Feb 11 – 15, Washington State Convention Center

Romance Blossoms is the theme for this preeminent garden expo, featuring dazzling show gardens, a marketplace, and seminars. Advance tickets: \$17. gardenshow.com

Day of Remembrance Taiko Festival

Saturday Feb 15, 2 p.m., Seattle University

Garden regulars Kokon Taiko are among the many Taiko performers for this Minidoka Pilgrimage fundraising concert. Tickets: \$20. minidokapilgrimage.org

Save the Date: First Viewing Sun, March 1